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l. Opponents of Augustin Pops and Professor Virgil Veniamin in the National Peasant Party met in a coffee house A memorandum requesting that all representative personalities

should be included in the Rumanian National Committee was drafted to be sent to the King. Among the signers were Alexander Bunescu, Mihai Raut, Heratiu Comaniciu, Butariu and Manuila (the brother of Sabin Manuila in the United States). Other signatories included Vintila Petala, prominent Rumanian Mason and former diplomat, and Gheorghe Haut, neither of whom has ever belonged to the National Peasant Party.

2. Although Augustin Pope and Virgil Venismin were sharply criticized during the meeting, no opposition to the appointment of Constantin Viscianu as president of the Rumanism National Committee was expressed. In general there was little discussion of the National Committee. Opponents of that organization are playing a "waiting game."

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